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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PRESS

FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED STATEMENT FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S
DEPARTURE ROME:

QUOTE WE ARE AT THE END OF A VISIT TO ROME WHICH HAS BEEN
BRIEF, BUT GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGES WITH
PRESIDENT LEONE AND P.M. ANDREOTTI, WHICH WERE SIGNIFICANT FOR
BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. THEY WERE, OF COURSE, CHARACTERIZED BY
THE WARMTH AND CIVILIZED CORDIALITY WHICH EVERY VISITOR
ENCOUNTERS IN ITALY.

AND THIS MORNING I HAD A MOST ENLIGHTENING AND MOVING
MEETING WITH HIS HOLINESS, BRINGING HIM GREETINGS FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE APPRECIATION OF ALL AMERICANS FOR
THE ROLE HE PLAYS AS A MORAL FORCE FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD.
BECAUSE I REPRESENT AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WAS ONLY HOURS
OLD WHEN I LEFT WASHINGTON, AND BECAUSE WE IN THE UNITED
STATES ARE AT SUCH A STIMULATING MOMENT OF CHANGE AND
RENEWAL IN OUR POLITICAL LIFE, WE HAD MUCH TO DISCUSS.
YOU HAVE PROBABLY READ THE WORDS OF THE LETTER I BROUGHT
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TO PRESIDENT LEONE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, AND SO YOU KNOW
THE HIGH PLACE THAT ITALY HAS IN THE THOUGHTS OF THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION -- HIGH IN THE SENSE OF IMPORTANCE AND HIGH IN
THE SENSE OF THE SUPPORT AND AFFECTION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
WE RECOGNIZE IT TO BE A SIMPLE FACT THAT THE POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC HEALTH OF ITALY IS IMPORTANT TO THE HEALTH OF THE
NATO ALLIANCE AND THE HEALTH OF THE WESTERN COMMUNITY OF

NATIONS. I WILL BE REPORTING TO PRESIDENT CARTER THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN MOST ENCOURAGED BY THE WISDOM, REALISM AND UNDERSTANDING I ENCOUNTERED HERE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED AND DEEPENED COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BASED ON OUR COMMON INTEREST IN POLITICAL FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PROSPERITY FOR OUR OWN CITIZENS; IN A STRONG, BUT FLEXIBLE, WESTERN ALLIANCE; AND IN PEACE AND COMPASSION AS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

WE ENJOYED THE VISIT, WE ENJOYED THE WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY, AND WE CARRY AWAY RENEWED HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. UNQUOTE.VOLPE

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